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**BLOODY NEWS**

FROM

**Southwark:**

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**R E L A T I O N**

How the Master of the Ship-Inne  
neer *Deadman-place*, was found barbarous-  
ly kill'd upon his Bed, on Tuesday the  
15th of this Instant *February*.

And several other remarkable Cir-  
cumstances of the Fact.

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With Permission, *Roger L'Estrange*.

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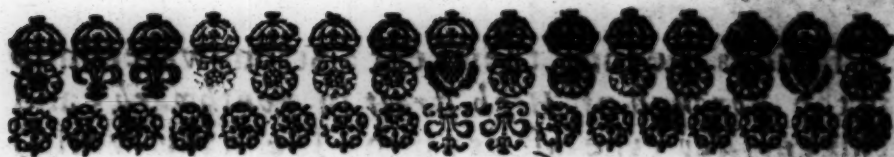
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**M**R. S. the person that is thus unhappily come to an untimely end, has for about five or six years last past kept the Ship Lane in Southwark near Deadmans place, and in all things demeaned himself so justly and civilly, that he was generally beloved and esteemed of amongst his Neighbours as a very honest fair-conditioned man. He had been married many years to his wife, and by her had several Children, but there is now onely one (a Daughter) surviving, of seven or eight years of Age. His Wife was always counted a civil woman, as far as I can hear by the Neighbours; and they seem'd to live very

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For about two or three of the clock, Mr. S. and this Mrs. L. came home together; the Servants, that is to say, a Maid, the Tapster, and the Hostler being then at Dinner, they past through the Room where they were, and went into a low Room where he usually lay, and one of them shut the door after them. And this woman staid with him a considerable time, about an hour, as neer as they can remember. And the Maid says, that having some occasion into a Buttery joyning to her Masters Lodging-room, she opened that door, but they were not there, but gone out of that Room into another darkish Room beyond it, where there was a bed; but he never used to lie down there, but was afterwards found dead upon that further bed.

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About seven a Clock, or somewhat before, this woman came to the house again, and said to the Servants, she would go in and see if their Master were awake yet or not; and so open'd the outward door and, went through his Lodging-room into the other Room where he lay, and immediately came out again, and calling to the Maid, told her, she thought her Master was dead or kill'd; whereupon the Maid and Tapster went in again with her, and found him lying dead upon the bed, the greatest part of his body covered over with the bed clothes, and two Pillows on his feet, as she had said she left him, but very strangely wounded about the Neck and Head; one very large wound or slash behind his Ear down towards his Throat, another before his Ear upon the

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the Check, and a third behind upon his Neck. A great quantity of blood lay in the floor of the Room at some distance from the bed, and not very much upon the bed-clothes. The blood had run a great deal upon his right Arm, which lay hanging down over the bed, and his left hand placed upon his breast was very much bruised, so that it lookt black.

This unexpected ghastly sight much affrighted the Maid and Tapster, nor did the other woman seem less concerned : but seeing a Pistol lie upon a kind of a Cupboard or Chest of Drawers in the same Room, though at some distance from the bed, they concluded that he had therewith murdered himself, and presently sent to the shop to his wife to have her come home ; who upon the sad news express'd some trouble, but (as many people thought) not so much as might be expected upon such a dismal occasion.

However, concluding with her Kinswoman that he had murdered himself, and consequently that his Goods would be seized upon as forfeited, they resolv'd to keep it as private as they could, till they had got away the most considerable of them ; and accordingly fell to work : But the matter could not be carried so closely, but notice of it was given to the Bayliff of the Borough, to whom it seems such forfeitures belong, who forthwith came to the house, and open'd a Vein of the body, and considering all Circumstances,

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declared his opinion (though it seem'd contrary  
to his interest, so to do) that he feared there was  
something more in it than self-Murther, and that  
he doubted some other person or persons had a  
hand in it; whereupon a Constable was sent for,  
and Mrs. S. and her Kinswoman, together, with the  
Maid, Tapster, and Hostler, were all carried be-  
fore one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace  
dwelling hard by, where the Maid and Tapster  
related the truth of their knowledge in manner  
aforesaid.

The woman relates, that her Husband for some  
time had been melancholy and discontented, and  
particularly that on Monday night last he lay and  
could not sleep, but sigh'd most part of the night;  
which made her inquire of him the cause of his  
trouble; who answered her, that he was to pay sever-  
al sums of money, and could get none in; and that  
he should be undone, and wish himself out of the  
world: and that on Friday last he bought some  
Bullets for this Pistol now found with him in the  
Room; and being ask'd where, she answered  
*Honnsditch*, but sometime afterwards she said it  
was in the *Minories*.

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 the time she put him to sleep till night, he an-  
 swered, amongst other places, at her Washers  
 in St. Tooley street, but that she did not  
 stay there at all, but the Washerwoman being  
 sent for, affirmed that she was there about half  
 an hour, but denied that she brought her any  
 Linnen or other things.

In fine, after a long Examination, it appearing  
 not probable that such Wounds could be made  
 by a Pistol, as they pretended, or that he should  
 shoot himself, and the Servants not hear the Re-  
 port; and several other Circumstances seeming  
 very doubtful and suspicious, it was thought fit  
 by the Magistrate to secure the two women; and  
 accordingly they were the same night both sent to  
 the Marshalses (where the County Goal is now  
 kept) and the Servants bound over to give Evi-  
 dence.

The matter yet seems dark and doubtful; but  
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 be doubted but God in time will bring their  
 wickedness to Light, at present his Wife and her  
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